



Southeast News

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ANNUAL MEETING "Roots of Heritage-Wings of Hope"
25th Southeast Conference Annual Meeting, June
7-9, 1991, Comfort Hotel, Chattanooga, TN
The keynote speaker will be Rev. Paul Sherry,
President, United Church of Christ.
Registration will be mailed.

EVANGELISM INSTITUTE - II
The Evangelism Institute will be held at the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia April 4 to April 6, 1991. The keynote speakers will be Martie Swan, Presenter on Worship and Evangelism and Co-Director of the Evangelism Institute; Walter Brueggemann, Professor of the Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary; and Alan Johnson, Presenter on Evangelism and Co-Director of the Evangelism Institutes. Register now as local church teams.

CLERGY AND SPOUSE RETREAT
The Clergy and Spouse Retreat will be held May 5-7, 1991. Keynote Speakers will be The Rev. Dr. Charles McCullough, OCIS staff and The Rev. Cynthia Hale, Monteagle, Retreat Center Tennessee.

VISIONS '91

VISIONS '91 is not yet a memory, but no longer a dream. We are pleased to report the receipt of two Visionary pledges, one partner and several more pledges in all other levels. We have come a long way, yet "we have promises to keep, and miles to go before we sleep."

A new and exciting development is our "Coin Connection" component, the young peoples part of Visions '91. It is specifically designed for the children and youth of our Conference to enable the Campaign to reach its goal of 100% participation. (Each child will be given a coin bank to fill and return to their church leader). The concept is to "connect" all our churches by a "coin" per mile: 15,000 miles, 15,000 coins, for a total return of \$5,000.00. If you need a Coin Bank or if you have questions, please contact your Coin Connection Coordinator:

The Rev. Herb Young
P. O. Box 155
Valley, AL 36854
(205) 756-2334 Office
(205) 756-6625 Home after 10 p.m.

It is no accident that the name of this campaign is VISIONS '91. Vision is that image of the future which is carved out of our dreams, our hopes, our deepest longings. Vision is important because what we envision has the power to shape our expectations and actions. Our Biblical tradition is built on Vision. "The Lord answered and said, write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets, to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfillment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, - for come it will, without fail." (Habakkua 2)

Our Conference vision was written into the Case Statement; the guidebook gives instructions; brochures are created; the exciting video was produced; endless miles were traveled to Cluster gatherings; the Coin Connection for children and youth is launched. We believe God continually places before us a new vision - a vision of a different kind of community - even a different kind of Conference.

All the members of churches are needed - pastors, children and youth - to communicate a compelling vision of our future by your participation and support.

"Dare to make a difference."
Erna Bryant, Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting February 1-2, 1991: 1. Hosting the Annual Meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries, November 9-13, 1991 in Atlanta. A planning meeting with United Church Board for World Ministries will be held April 22, 1991 in Atlanta. Anyone interested in helping the committee, let the Conference Office know. 2. Voted to participate in a Workshop for Pastors, late in '91 "Ending Violence Against Women" - with United Church Board of Homeland Ministries, Coordinating Center for Women. 3. Voted to explore ways to develop a partner relationship with the Iowa Conference. 4. Voted to send a representative to the National Family Life Conference in Chicago, April. 5. Voted to be a member of the Media Resource Library, Birmingham, Alabama, to enable churches to belong for a nominal fee.

Annual Meeting and the Celebration of
VISIONS '91.

GENERAL SYNOD 18

To be held in Norfolk, Virginia, June 27-July 2.
Registration Forms and Housing Infor is
available thru the Conference Office.

FAITH'S JOURNEY

Faith's Journey is a 2-week summer sojourn for high school youth to explore possibilities of rewarding careers in UCC Health and Human Service Ministries - An opportunity for UCC youth to learn about caring for others during their fort-night in St. Louis area ministries. Faith's Journey 1991 - July 14-27

Scholarships Are Available

For further information, contact:

Faith's Journey Eden Seminary

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St. Louis, Mo 63119-3192

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CONFERENCE MINISTER

Dear Friends in the Southeast:

I wrote a message, Ash Wednesday. It was a time to anticipate walking with Jesus as Lent began, as we look forward to the journey to Jerusalem and Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. Then the Baghdad bombings were announced with the loss of civilian lives. Suffering and death Jesus faced; and in him God opened us to a vision of life where we not foster death and destruction, and a day when tears will be no more. All that was the agony of the first day of Lent.

Now today the war ended. No matter the various loyalties, we are all aware now that death and destruction are not God's intentions. Following the Prince of Peace leads us into a journey that turns such ways around: reconciliation and redemptive suffering, come thru God's grace. So my short message is that we "not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk" with Jesus (Theologian Fred Herzog). May this be a renewing Lenten season for you - for it will not be an easy one for any. Again, gratitude for all you are and do as we work together in Christ's mission. God's blessings strengthen you.

Faithfully,
Roger Knight

UCC THEOLOGICAL FORUMS

You are invited to gather with other Atlanta Clergy for theological reflection on April 18, 1991 at Central Church, May 23, 1991 at First Church, July 11, 1991 at Central Church and September 19, 1991 at First Church.

STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR NIN GRANT

OCIS is offering NIN grants to local churches, Associations, and Conferences, UCC interest groups, coalitions, low-income partner groups or ecumenical groups in the areas of homelessness, low income housing, and universal access to health care. These grants may have a service component but an advocacy component is mandatory. Grant information and applications may be obtained from Patrick Conover, OCIS, UCC, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002. Grant applications must be in the possession of the Office for Church In Society by April 1, 1991. Grant decisions and notifications will be completed by May 1, 1991.

RESIGNATION OF SANDYE MULLINS

It is with profound appreciation for the ministry of Sandye that the Personnel Committee accepted her resignation, effective April 1. "We are fortunate to have had someone with your gifts and talents who was willing to serve so ably and often beyond the call of duty," said Jim Norris, Personnel Chair. Plans for honoring and celebration are being made. Deep thanks, dear Sandye!

WOMEN'S MITE

Have you made your contribution to the Women's Mite (Might)? The "Women's Mite" Committee is appealing to all churches to participate in this effort. In the Past, this program has generated enthusiasm and has fostered a stronger sense of sisterhood among women.

As you know, the Commission on Women in Church and Society initiated this effort to provide assistance to women who might have financial limitations to attend conferences, meetings and other UCC events linked with the Southeast Conference. Every woman in the conference is asked to set aside five cents for each day of the year. (\$18.25) to be contributed to this special fund.

Since sharing with others is one of our Christian duties, please consider making your contribution as soon as possible. Monies may be sent to the Southeast Conference office. Make checks payable to "Women's Mite" Southeast Conference. Application forms to request assistance may be obtained from the office. Remember our sisterhood is strengthened when we share with each other.

LA FORET VIDEO AVAILABLE

A fifteen minute video documenting "God Calls Us...Justice and Peace Ministries in the 90's" will be available for \$12.95 on January 2, 1991. For more information contact the Washington office of OCIS.

1990 FINANCIAL SUMMARY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
 Thanks to all the churches and pastors for the support of our common wider mission. Briefly, we "balanced the books", sent \$15,000 to OCWM beyond the Southeast Conference (compared to \$9,000 in 1989 and \$4,000 in 1988) plus almost \$70,000 for the Special All Church Offerings. Thank You! Below is listed the OCWM from the churches themselves.

Summary for 1990

Income:

OCWM - Churches	\$169,189
Other	<u>51,299</u>
	\$220,488
Expenses:	<u>197,861</u>
Balance	\$ 22,627

Totals	1990	1989	1988
	\$169,189	\$166,601	\$156,841

1990 OCWM 1989 OCWM

NAME	4TH QTR.	YTD	YTD
ALPINE, KINGS CHAPEL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ATHENS, TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BELVIDERE, 1ST UNITED CHURCH	\$2,848.13	\$6,867.58	\$6,355.93
BIRMINGHAM, 1ST CONGR. CHURCH	\$2,400.00	\$5,700.00	\$3,100.00
BIRMINGHAM, PILGRIM	\$1,770.00	\$4,890.00	\$5,070.00
CHATTANOOGA, FIRST CG	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
CHATTANOOGA, PILGRIM	\$5,091.75	\$20,367.00	\$18,481.00
CROSSVILLE, UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH	\$825.00	\$3,275.00	\$1,820.00
CULLMAN, ST. JOHN'S	\$2,700.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
DEER LODGE CONGREGATIONAL	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
FAIRFIELD GLADE COMM. CHURCH	\$375.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
GARDEN CITY CONGR. CHRISTIAN CHURCH	\$231.00	\$462.00	\$462.00
GLEMMARY CONGR. CHRISTIAN CHURCH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
HANCEVILLE, MOUNTAIN GROVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
KNOXVILLE, CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR	\$2,610.00	\$3,480.00	\$2,802.00
MARION, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
MONTGOMERY, FIRST	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,778.00
NASHVILLE, 1ST UNITED CHURCH	\$1,666.64	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
NASHVILLE, BROOKMEADE	\$825.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,200.00
NASHVILLE, HOWARD	\$92.00	\$92.00	\$500.00
PLEASANT HILL COMM. CHURCH	\$4,650.00	\$17,400.00	\$16,500.00
ROBBINS-BARTON CHAPEL	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
SWEETWATER FIRST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
TALLADEGA, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOUCALOO, UNION UNITED CH. OF CHRIST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNITED CHURCH OF HUNTSVILLE	\$2,660.00	\$7,980.00	\$7,800.00
WAVERLY, UNITED COMM. CHURCH	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$0.00

NAME	4TH QTR.	YTD	YTD
ANDALUSIA, ANTIOCH	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00
ANDALUSIA, FIRST CC	\$110.00	\$275.00	\$450.00
BAKER, GOOD HOPE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BAKER, PYRON	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
BONIFAY, NEW REPORT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BRANTLEY, INDIAN GREEK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BRANTLEY, LIBERTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CLIO, NEW HOPE	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$523.81
HEADLAND, BLACKWOOD CC	\$225.00	\$396.00	\$470.00

ALEX CITY-FIRST	\$171.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
COLUMBUS, UNITED	\$0.00	\$238.00	\$522.00
DABEVILLE, ELDER	\$242.00	\$459.00	\$155.00
EAST TALLASSEE CONGR. CHRISTIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ECLECTIC, WATSON'S CHAPEL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FIVE POINTS-STATE LINE	\$0.00	\$142.00	\$119.00
LAFAYETTE-PLEASANT GROVE	\$344.00	\$1,009.00	\$1,033.00
LAGRANGE, HILLSIDE	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$85.00
LAGRANGE, UNITED	\$656.00	\$2,217.00	\$2,279.00
LANETT	\$689.00	\$2,114.00	\$5,426.00
LANGDALE	\$0.00	\$1,909.00	\$7,402.00
PHENIX CITY-RUSSELL WOODS	\$285.00	\$1,045.00	\$570.00
PINK FOREST	\$532.00	\$1,995.00	\$1,092.00
PINE MOUNTAIN-OAK GROVE	\$950.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
PISCAH, CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROANOKE, MT. ZION CONGR. CHRISTIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROANOKE, ROCK SPRING CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROANOKE-ANTIOCH	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$570.00
ROANOKE-BETHANY	\$333.00	\$333.00	\$333.00
ROANOKE-FIRST	\$0.00	\$1,031.00	\$712.00
ROANOKE-FOREST HOME	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
ROANOKE-NEW HOPE	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$770.00
ROANOKE-NORTH MAIN	\$142.00	\$568.00	\$542.00
ROANOKE-ROCK STAND	\$175.00	\$875.00	\$665.00
VALLY, TODD CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WABLEY-CORINTH CHRISTIAN	\$238.00	\$476.00	\$475.00
WEDOWEE, CAVERS GROVE CONGR.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WEDOWEE-MOON DAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428.00
WEST POINT-BETHEL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$238.00
WOODBURY-JONES CHAPEL	\$740.00	\$2,167.00	\$1,951.00

NAME	4TH QTR.	YTD	YTD
JONESBORO, TRINITY	\$1,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00
DEMAREST, FEDERATED	\$111.25	\$445.00	\$436.00
ATLANTA, FIRST	\$5,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
ATLANTA, CENTRAL	\$7,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00
DEVY ROSE, LIBERTY	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$1,459.00
ATLANTA, RUSH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
BARNESVILLE, FREDOMIA	\$205.00	\$205.00	\$250.00
MARIETTA, PILGRIMAGE	\$466.65	\$1,049.98	\$2,463.50
MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$600.00
CHARLESTON, CIRCULAR	\$1,333.32	\$3,333.30	\$2,333.34
SAVANNAH-FIRST	\$1,128.00	\$1,128.00	\$1,116.00
LILBURN, BUTTON GWINNETT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
CHARLESTON, PLYMOUTH	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,138.50
THOMASVILLE, BETHANY CONGR. CHURCH	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
ATLANTA, UCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ATLANTA, CARROLL HEIGHTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BEACHTON, EVERGREEN CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BRASELTON, MACEDONIA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUFORD, DUNCAN'S CREEK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COLUMBIA, PILGRIM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MACON, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ATLANTA, SOUTHWEST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION AND THE UCC:

The United Church of Christ has passed three resolutions supporting the right of individual conscience in matters of military duty and combat. To obtain a study resource packet and/or information concerning registering as conscientious objector, please contact The Rev. Gordon J. Svoboda II at the UCBHM.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The office of Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and the Office of Racial and Ethnic Minority Constitency Development and Recruitment of the United Church Board for World Ministries are proposing a workcamp experience for high school students who are members of the United Church of Christ, for Summer 1991. The participants will spend up to ten (10) days doing construction work as needed in the Marshall Islands, and learning about the impact U.S.A. nuclear testing has had on the people, environment and economy. The workcamp is limited to 15 participants for only \$1,500 each. More information regarding this opportunity will become available within the next couple of months.

Contact:

Arthur Cribs or Ching-fen Hsiao
UCBWM
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10115

LEADERSHIP

Bob Sherard to Savannah
Tim Morrison to Pilgrimage-July
Dave Naglee to LaGrange, United
Maureen Jenci-Shelton-Interim-Oak Grove
Tom Courtney to Baker Good Hope

ILLNESSES

Ed Lauderdale - Valley Hospital
Heart by-pass

Joyce Myers-Brown -Cancer Surgery
Paul Johnson - Montgomery Hospital
Woodrow Washburn - broke his back
Jerry Fields - Athens, AL - Cancer

DEATHS

William Winterbottom - Passed in January
Court Fisher - Passed in November
Durham Barry - Former Athens, AL pastor

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HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK 1990/1991

The Human Rights Committee/Office of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has initiated an ecumenical campaign for the 1990's urging the U.S. Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on basic human rights.

A 28-page booklet, "Towards U.S. Ratification of Human Rights Covenants" which highlights the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women" with liturgy, sermon notes, think pieces, discussion guide and fact sheets, is now available from NCCUSA.

To purchase, contact Human Rights Office, NCCUSA, Rm 634, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. (212) 870-2424, FAX (212) 780-2055 Single copies \$1.50; 11-100, \$1.25; 101-501, \$1.00; 501 - \$.90, includes postage.

VIDEO SERIES ON HUNGER, POVERTY

"Local Heroes, Global Change" was a four-part PBS series dealing with "positive changes in the global fight against poverty and environmental destruction."

Dealing with hunger and poverty, the series aired last May in most areas of the country. It is now available to participating denominations for a drastically reduced price of \$73.90.

Churches may want to consider a purchase for an inter-religious resource center or contribution to their public library. Request for purchases should go directly to Gateway Films, 2030 Wentz Church Road, Box 540, Winchester, Pennsylvania 19490 (215) 584-1893. Please mention the UCC affiliation.

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